

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 10-18 and leaves claims 1-9 and 19-21 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-9 and 19-21.

Claims 10-18 stand objected to under 37 CFR §1.75(d)(1) as allegedly lacking antecedent basis in the specification. As indicated above, claims 10-18 were canceled. Therefore, this objection is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-18 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. As indicated above, claims 10-18 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the cancellation of claims 10-18 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 10-18 are taught or suggested by any of the references of record whether taken individually or in combination with each other. The cancellation of claims 10-18 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants hereby reserve their right to pursue the invention as set forth in claims 10-18 in a continuing application.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 6 of the Office Action that claims 1-9 and 19-21 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-9 and 19-21 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-9 and 19-21 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (H-1212).

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